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TAGS: PARM MTCR ETTC PREL CH KN

SUBJECT: CHINA INFORMED OF CHINESE FIRM'S ACTIONS TO

PROVIDE MTCR-CONTROLLED STEEL TO NORTH KOREA

**REF: STATE 130744** 

Classified By: Acting Political Minister Counselor Ben Moeling. Reason s 1.4 (B), (D), and (H).

11. (S) Poloff delivered reftel demarche and nonpaper notifying China of Maanshan Huntian Equipment Ltd. Company's efforts to supply controlled steel to a North Korean weapons trading firm to MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Department Chemical and Biological Division Officer Zhao Kun on December 128. Zhao noted that ISN Acting Assistant Secretary Van Diepen and MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Director General Cheng Jingye had had good discussions on individual proliferation cases during the December 18 U.S.-China Nonproliferation Dialogue. "We need to continue our cooperation" on these cases, said Zhao. Zhao said China would investigate the case and would share the results "in the proper time."